

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seeks written and oral comments from interested persons on the TMDL Implementation Plan (IP) for the North Fork and South Fork Roanoke Rivers, Bradshaw Creek, and Wilson Creek and tributaries. These streams were listed as impaired on the Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report due to violations of the State's water quality standard for bacteria. The following is the name of the bacteria "impaired" stream and the length of the impaired segment: North Fork Roanoke River, 16.09 miles; Wilson Creek and Unnamed Tributary to Wilson Creek, 6.99 miles; Bradshaw Creek, 10.36 miles South Fork Roanoke River, 17.31 miles, and Goose Creek, 2.30 miles. These stream segments are located in Montgomery County, Roanoke County and/or Floyd County. These streams have also been identified as a source of sediment contributing to a benthic impairment on the Roanoke River mainstem.

The TMDL studies for these stream impairments were completed in February 2006 and March 2004, and can be found in the ***Bacteria TMDLs for Wilson Creek, Ore Branch and Roanoke River Watersheds, Virginia*** report (available at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/portals/0/DEQ/Water/TMDL/apptmdls/roankrvr/uroanec.pdf>) and the ***Benthic TMDL Development for the Roanoke River, Virginia*** report (available at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/portals/0/DEQ/Water/TMDL/apptmdls/roankrvr/uroanbc.pdf>).

Section 62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an IP for approved TMDLs. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits, and environmental impacts.

A public meeting will be held to discuss the draft implementation plan for the North Fork and South Fork Roanoke Rivers, Bradshaw Creek, and Wilson Creek and tributaries. At this meeting, the process by which an implementation plan was developed to restore water quality in the watershed will be discussed and citizens will learn how they can be part of the water quality improvement process.

The Public Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on July 14, 2016 at the Meadowbrook Center, 267 Alleghany Spring Road, Shawsville, VA 24162. Parking is available on the Meadowbrook Library side of the Center.

DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. The 30-day public comment period on the information presented at the meeting and the draft plan will end on August 12, 2016. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Mary Dail with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. Written comments and inquiries should include the

name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Mary Dail, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, 3019 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, VA 24019; phone: 540.562.6715; email: mary.dail@deq.virginia.gov; fax: 540.562.6725.